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1. In mid-August land reclamation teams under the control of the South China Reclamation Bureau were moving into the Kwangsi-Vietnam border area. About 60,000 persons, organized into 30 reclamation teams (tatu) are stationed in the following hsien of Kwangsi: Yangli (107-23, 22-48), Hsiangtu (106-57, 23-13), Lungan (107-36, 23-10), Tienpao (106-43, 23-23), Paise (106-34, 23-55), Chenpien (105-50, 23-24), T'ienhsi (106-05, 24-26) and Hsilin (105-38, 24-14).
2. Persons comprising these land reclamation teams come from a number of provinces. Numbers from some of the provinces follow: Honan - 3,000; Hupeh - 2,000; Hunan - 1,000; Fukien - 2,000; Kwangsi - 5,000.
3. Persons in the teams come from various categories, as follows: labor reform teams - 20,000 persons; former military men - 14,000 persons; unemployed workers and merchants - 10,000 persons. The remaining members of the teams are supervisory personnel.
4. The land reclamation teams will attempt to utilize idle land in the border area for farming or other purposes, and will be stationed in this area for five years. Members of the teams have been issued factory-made reclamation implements.

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